

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Application

Claims 1-32 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 18, and 20-32 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 2, 5-17 and 19 are finally rejected under 35 USC § 103.

No New matter has been added.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 2, 5-17, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Templeton *et al.*, Langmuir 15:66-76 (1999), in view of Foos *et al.*, Chem. Mater. 14:2401-08 (2002) and for reasons of record. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicants arguments made in the Response mailed 12/8/06 are relevant here and are hereby incorporated by reference. In the Response of 12/8/06 Applicants argued the Foos is not a valid reference under 35 USC § 103, in view of the declaration under Rule 131 submitted and signed by Ming Zheng, inventor. The Examiner notes that Exhibits 1 and 2 accompanying that declaration were missing and thus the declaration was unpersuasive.

Applicants re-submit here (i) the declaration under Rule 131, signed by inventor Ming Zheng, as well as Exhibits 1 and 2.

Applicants submit that in view of the declaration under Rule 131, the Foos is not available under 35 USC § 103 and the rejection under this section is rendered moot.

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